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TAGS: ENRG, MT, SW, LY
SUBJ: SWEDISH INTEREST PURCHASE LIBYAN OIL VIA MALTA
REF: STATE 203014

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1. CONTENTS REFTEL CONVEYED TO SAVIOUR STELLINI, U.S. AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, MIN COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFIARS (MCFA) MORNING OCT 16. WHILE CAUTIONING THAT LOCAL PRESS, PARTICULARLY GENERAL WORKERS UNION (GWU) NEWSPAPERS, FREQUENTLY ADD TO REALITY IN THEIR ZEAL TO ELABORATE NEWS STORIES, STELLINI WAS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION COMMENT ON ACCURACY PRESS REPORT IN QUESTION. STELLINI SAID HE WOULD CONVEY USG CONCERN TO PERMANENT SECRETARY MCFA MAURICE ABELA.
 2. HOLMBERG, ACCOMPANIED BY MALTA'S HONRARY CONSUL IN SWEDEN, MR. CARL BERTIL TORNET, DEPARTED MALTA AFTERNOON OCT 16. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY MALTA NEWS (GWU), TORNET TOLD PRESS BEFORE LEAVING "PRIME MINISTER MR. DOM MINTOFF HAS ADVISED MR. HARRY HOLMBERG, THAT PRESIDENT OF THE OIL CONSUMERS' COMPANY ON HOW TO CONTACT LIBYAN DIRECTLY TO BUY CRUDE OIL FOR THE SWEDISH MARKET."
 3. COMMENT: IF ACCURATE, THIS LATEST REPORT WOULD APPEAR TO EXTRICATE MALTA FROM INTERMEDIARY ROLE WHICH HOLMBERG REPUTEDLY
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